

## **Appleby Archaeology**

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 at White House Brampton.

### Present

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| Richard Stevens | Chairman             |
| Tony Greenwood  | Publicity            |
| Mike Godfrey    | Treasurer            |
| Liz Hawkins     | Membership Secretary |
| Martin Joyce    | Newsletter Editor    |
| Martin Railton  | Field Work/Research  |
| Phyllis Rouston | Secretary            |

### **Notes of the last meeting**

The notes were agreed a correct record.

### **1/12/09 Matters Arising**

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane: currently with Tony

4/09/09 Brackenber Research Excavations Martin R tabled 2 copies of the report. Richard will forward one to CWAAS. Copies have been sent to the Regional Inspector, English Heritage, Cumbria County Council, Historic Environment Record, National Monuments' Record and to the Golf Club. Martin J will place the digital version on the web site. Further action is needed to complete the project. An expert will be asked to examine and draw the flints and compare the find with similar assemblages in the north west. The carbonised cereal grains will, it is hoped be suitable to be sent for carbon dating and a report is to be prepared for publication in CWAAS Transaction. Martin to follow up and inform Richard of costs, who will then, again, approach CWAAS for funding.

TIC Exhibition the exhibition was set up and used again at the conference

5/09/09 Conference 2009 Very successful with over a 100 delegates. All expenses will be met. Richard has received one paper. He will write to the other speakers to remind them to forward their papers for circulation on the website with some paper copies for members and libraries.

7/09/09 2) Increase in Subscriptions. Richard had advised members at the September talk of the need and no objections were raised.

3) Excavations in Boroughgate A number of members visited the site. Martin will talk to the group in the autumn when members of the Appleby and Westmorland Society will be invited to join us.

### **2/12/09 Membership**

Liz advised that membership stands at 62. 14 joint and 34 individual memberships.

### **3/12/09 Treasurer's Report**

Mike tabled a statement of accounts. The current balance is £1017.29. Payments to North Pennine Archaeology have been made and the costs of the Conference have been covered. The bill for the hire of the Grammar School is yet to come in.

### **4/12/09 Future Research**

1) Martin R proposed that we should consider further investigation of the probable Roman signal station on the golf course, identified by the Group's geophysics study in May 2009. The Golf club have given permission in principal. English Heritage are looking for projects and might provide funding if the proposals included investigating the Roman signalling system and if we could work with the North Pennines Heritage Trust to include a study of Augill signal station, where the Trust

own a smelt mill complex. Martin previously suggested that future excavations might be opened to students. It would take time.

2) Summer 2010 field work Martin J suggested that it would be interesting to look at the caves in St George's Gill. This idea was supported however there could be health and safety issues and again Martin R will report back.

#### **5/12/09**

The following have been received:-

CFLHA Autumn Bulletin and renewal of subscription notice. Subscription renewed.

Appleby and Westmorland Society Newsletter.

Cumbria CVS Newsletters.

CBA Notification of the dates of the Festival of Archaeology 2010 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Towergate Insurance Notification of renewal premium which has been paid.

#### **6/12/09 AGM January 2010**

The Agenda was agreed. This will be circulated with the minutes of the 2009 AGM in the Newsletter

#### **7/12/09 AOB**

1) Gift of an overhead projector. A member, Ron Lyons, has offered to give the group an old working OHP. Phyl to contact Ron to thank him and accept the gift and to offer free membership for 2010 to Ron and his wife.

2) Circulation of Posters To help Tony distribute it was suggested that when possible he would bring the next month's posters to the meeting so that members could distribute in their areas.

3) It was agreed that Martin J should investigate the purchase of a new projector for the group.

**Date and time of next meeting Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> Northgate Milburn**

PHR 6/12/09